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Mr. Paul Marshall
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RE: Opposition Letter for the Proposed South Delta Improvement Project (SDIP)

Dear Mr. Marshall:

As a native northern Californian and sports fishing angler, I would like the record to state that I am adamantly opposed to the SDIP project.

The SDIP overview indicates that the water exports south is affecting fish migrations and water quality.

The states answer to this problem is the SDIP? This is a myopic temporary solution that may not work and would open up the possibility for more water exports south, further degrading the Delta.

Why aren't we looking at the real problem? Too much water being shipped south! What efforts are being made by the people/business/government on the user end to conserve the water that they are using today? Why aren't the agribusiness folks implementing more efficient irrigation methods? Why don't they use desalinization plants or start reusing treated wastewater?

The Delta water is not a wholesale commodity that can be sold to the highest bidder as it currently stands. This mentality is a big reason that the Delta is in the situation it is now regarding the degradation of the ecosystem and environment.

In closing, the SDIP project should not be approved. More emphasis on conservation and seeking other water resources besides the Delta should be seriously considered.

Sincerely,

(your name here)

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